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EDUCATION BULLETIN

Welcome to the inaugural Education Bulletin for the Louisiana National Guard! We are very excited to get this going and to begin sharing valuable resources with you and your families. The **Education Services** Office for the LANG is located at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans. We manage education programs and incentives for Soldiers.

Our office facilitates the following programs:

- LA State Tuition Exemption (LA STEP)
- Federal Tuition Assistance
- GI Bill (Post 9/11, Ch. 1606, etc.)
- Credentialing Assistance
- Selective Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP)
- Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

We would love to help you pursue a college education or advanced career path. Please reach out to us soon so we can help you take the next step.



STATE TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM

The Louisiana State Tuition Exemption Program (STEP) provides 100% college tuition exemption for eligible LA National Guard Soldiers. In order to qualify, you must:

- Attend a public, instate LA school
- Be in good standing with your unit (NO FLAGS, passing PT, HT&WT)
- Be a resident of LA
- Be in good standing with the school
- You must be enrolled
- in school for the entire semester to use STEP, and be at least a full-time student.
- Email Mr. Acker today at leonard.c.acker.civ@army. mil to check your status.

IMPORTANT DATES:



HELPFUL LINKS:

- www.va.gov
- www.tutor.com/ military
- www.cool.osd.mi l/army/
- Www.armyignite d.com

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Why should you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

- Through the FAFSA, you can apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans to help you pay for college. The cool thing is, it's a single application that covers many different programs.
- The college you plan to attend will use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for federal financial aid. There are many grants available that most people don't even know about.
- In order to receive the Pell Grant, (which many Service members use to help pay for college) you must complete the FAFSA every year you are attending school.

How do I apply for scholarships to help pay for college?

- https://myscholly.com Create your Scholly profile today to apply for and match with hundreds of scholarship opportunities.
- www.fastweb.com Online database for scholarships across the world
- <u>Military Scholarships Scholarships.com</u> Scholarships available to Military students specifically.

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